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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1079
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Robert Cleave Hurd
of Germantown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the death of Mr. Robert Cleave Hurd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurd was an exemplary man and consummate professional who
worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities;
and

WHEREAS, a native of Germantown, he was the loving son of the late Robert Cleave
and Neely Hurd; and

WHEREAS, Robert Cleave Hurd was a highly regarded student of Hickory Hill
Elementary School, and a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished scholar, Mr. Hurd attended the National Trade School of
Memphis, where he graduated with a concentration in tailoring; and

WHEREAS, compelled to serve and protect his country, he enlisted in the United States
Navy, where he honorably and bravely served during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Cleave Hurd served with distinction as a Supervisor of the Painting and Upholstery Department at the University of Tennessee at Memphis for many years; a man of great talent and expertise, he was well respected for his skill in the refurbishment of furniture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurd's mother, a devout Christian, nurtured in her son a strong faith in Jesus Christ, and at an early age, he joined the Prospect Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of the Prospect Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for seventy years, he faithfully served the church in several leadership positions, including as Chairman of the Steward Board, as Chairman of the Trustee Board, as a Sunday School Teacher, as Church Secretary, as a Class Leader, as a member of the Male Chorus, and as Steward Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Robert Cleave Hurd was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurd will be dearly missed by his wife and sweetheart of sixty-one years, Merline Thornton Hurd; his four daughters, Geraldine Hurd Payne, Roenna Hurd Moore, Jacqueline Hurd Davis, and Neely Hurd Brown; his son, Robert Hurd, Jr.; his sister, Gussye Mae Sweet; his three sons-in-law, Willie L. Payne, Aaron Davis, and Dr. Charles H Brown; his five grandchildren, Otis V. Matthews, DeWayne Matthews, Carlos L. Moore, Charles H. Brown, Jr., and Cynthia E. Brown; his special nephews, Jack Hurd, Jr., Reginald Sweet, and Reverend Larry Eddins; his special nieces, Connie Brown, Devonia Morrow, Carrie Williams, and Tennessee State Representative Lois DeBerry; his cherished friends, Charlie Mitchell, George Craft, and Melvin Christian; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins who were a great blessing to his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurd has left an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in his public life, compassion and loyalty in his private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a man of great generosity and faith in God, Robert Cleave Hurd's life of unselfish service and goodwill to his community and church stands as a testament to the difference one person can make; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Mr. Robert Cleave Hurd, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his distinguished service in the United States Navy, his faithful service to the Prospect Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, his esteemed career with the University of Tennessee, and the courage and conviction with which he lived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sincere sympathy and offer our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Hurd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.